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DRUNK DRIVER

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Illinois' efforts to reduce the tragic consequences of drunk driving is working. But if we are to continue the reduction in alcohol related deaths on our highways, active citizens participation is a must.

State and local police agencies need your help in identifying and reporting those drivers who insist on driving after having too much to drink.

Studies show that approximately one out of every two fatal crashes are alcohol related. All too often, it is the innocent victim who suffers from the irresponsible behavior of a drunk driver.

Now is the time for you to answer that so often asked question, "What can I do to help?" The next time you are driving and you spot a drunk driver call your local or State Police immediately. It just might save a life. And the life you save might be yours or a loved ones.

Your Illinois State Police

HOW TO DETECT THE DRUNK DRIVER

These twenty cues are the best ones for discriminating nighttime drunk drivers from nighttime sober drivers, and they account for more than ninety percent of all DUI arrests by police. These cues were developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and are based on results of field studies in which drunk drivers were detected. This guide is the most systematically developed method now available for visually predicting whether a vehicle operated at night is being driven by a sober or drunk driver. The following indicators are used by police in Illinois to detect drunk drivers at night.

1. Turning with wide radius.
2. Straddling center of lane marker.
3. Appearing to be drunk.
4. Almost striking an object or vehicle.
5. Weaving.
6. Driving on other than designated roadway.
7. Swerving.
8. Speed lower than 10 mph below the posted limit.
9. Stopping without cause in traffic lane.
10. Following to closely.
11. Drifting.
12. Tires on center or lane marker.
13. Braking erratically.
14. Driving into opposing or crossing traffic.
15. Signaling inconsistent with driving actions.
16. Slow response to traffic signals (sudden stop; delayed start).
17. Stopping inappropriately (other than in lane).
18. Turning abruptly or illegally.
19. Accelerating or decelerating rapidly.
20. Headlights off at night.

These cues are listed in descending order of probability that the person observed is driving while intoxicated. Any combination of the above visual cues increases the probability that the driver may be intoxicated.

HOW TO REPORT DRUNK DRIVERS

Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs is a serious offense which, all too often, results in tragedy. It is, therefore, important that you report all drunk drivers to state or local law enforcement agencies as soon as they are detected. Here are a few ways to report a drunk driver:

✓ **If reporting by C.B. radio,** use Channel 9. All State Police installations and some local police agencies monitor this channel. If you reach other C.B. monitors, such as REACT, request them to telephone the nearest local or State Police installation and to relay your information to the police. Stay in contact with the monitor or mobile unit that is handling your call.

Also, many police cars are equipped with C.B. radios. If contact is made with a police officer on patrol via your C.B. radio, keep the officer informed as to the location until the officer can locate you. The officer will then observe the violator and take the appropriate enforcement action.

✓ **If reporting by telephone,** refer to the inside front cover of the telephone directory for the number of the appropriate local or State Police installation. If no phone book is available, dial the operator and ask for the local or State Police.

✓ **When you make contact with the police,** provide them with the following information:

a. Your location and the location of the suspected drunk driver, his direction of travel and the time observed.

b. The make and color of the vehicle and the license plate number.

WHAT NOT TO DO WHEN REPORTING A DRUNK DRIVER

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1. Do not attempt to stop the vehicle.
2. Do not attempt to follow if the vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit or if any other hazard may exist due to following the vehicle.
3. Do not disregard any traffic control signals in an attempt to keep the drunk driver in view.
4. Do not follow the drunk driver too closely, as he may stop suddenly.
5. Do not get so engrossed in following the drunk driver, that you begin weaving in the road with the drunk driver.
6. Do not attempt to detain the drunk driver if he should stop.
7. If using a Citizens Band Radio, do not argue with other persons on the channel, or interfere with another person while they are reporting an emergency.
8. Do not request other CBers to respond to the area once the police have been notified.
9. Do not attempt to act in the capacity of any police, fire, or medical person, unless you are properly trained and authorized to perform that function.
10. Do not attempt to assist any law enforcement officer while he is apprehending a drunk driver, unless requested.

CALL US

C.B. Ch. 9

DUI

NO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

VISUAL CUE DESCRIPTIONS

APPEARING TO BE DRUNK

This cue is actually one or more of a set of indicators related to the personal behavior or appearance of the driver. Examples of specific indicators might include:

- Slouching in the seat
- Gesturing erratically or obscenely
- Eye fixation
- Tightly gripping the steering wheel
- Face close to the windshield
- Drinking in the vehicle
- Driver's head protruding from vehicle

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Blood Alcohol Content

Number of Drinks
(1 oz. 86 proof Liquor, 3 oz. Wine or 12 oz. Beer)

Body Weight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
100	.032	.065	.097	.129	.162	.194	.226	.258	.291
120	.027	.054	.081	.108	.135	.161	.188	.215	.242
140	.023	.046	.069	.092	.115	.138	.161	.184	.207
160	.020	.040	.060	.080	.101	.121	.141	.161	.181
180	.018	.036	.054	.072	.090	.108	.126	.144	.162
200	.016	.032	.048	.064	.080	.097	.113	.129	.145
220	.015	.029	.044	.058	.073	.088	.102	.117	.131
240	.014	.027	.040	.053	.067	.081	.095	.108	.121

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